

A few days before the end of the summer term in 2010 we received a letter from Ofsted informing us that they had undertaken an interim inspection and judged us to still be an outstanding school.

This judgement was based on a variety of factors including our students academic performance and attendance.

We are extremely proud to remain an **‘Outstanding’** school and see this status as one way of showing how much hard work every adult and student puts into our school. We are a High Performing school and have recently been invited to join the Leading Edge Partnership Programme (LEPP) which enables Outstanding schools such as Loxford to work together so they learn from the excellent work of each other.

The full Ofsted letter is shown below.

Dear Parent

Loxford School of Science and Technology: Ofsted’s interim assessment

I am pleased to provide some important information about Loxford School of Science and Technology.

As you may know, during its last inspection in May 2007, Ofsted inspectors judged your child’s school to be outstanding. Schools which are performing well are now inspected less often than other schools.

Some outstanding schools are inspected after three years; others may have their inspections put back. To help decide whether we can wait longer than three years before undertaking a full inspection of an outstanding school, such as your child’s, Her Majesty’s Inspectors look at various sources of information, as listed below. This is called an ‘interim assessment.’

The results of the interim assessment

In carrying out the interim assessment, we considered the following:

- Pupils’ academic performance
- Pupils’ attendance
- Any visits carried out by Ofsted since the last inspection
- Complaints about the school by parents or carers
- Any other significant issues brought to Ofsted’s attention

I am pleased to inform you that our interim assessment shows that the school’s performance has been sustained and that we can defer its next full inspection.

As a result, the next inspection will not take place any earlier than 1 September 2011 unless we receive information in the course of the coming year that causes us to inspect earlier. The timing of subsequent inspection will depend on any changes that the government will introduce in legislation in the autumn.

I wish everyone involved in the school continued success in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Christine Gilbert